



PROBATION DEPARTMENT



Kalisa Rochester
Chief Probation Officer

Adult Services Committee of the Local Community Corrections Partnership (CCP)

Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2021 at 10:00 AM

Meeting via Zoom

CCP Committee Members and Guests Present

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| 1. | Christopher Henn, Deputy Chief Probation Officer (Chair) | Probation Department |
| 2. | Sarah Marsh, Director of Administrative Services | Probation Department |
| 3. | Joel Daffron, Program Manager | Probation Department |
| 4. | Joseph Owens, Program Manager | Probation Department |
| 5. | Mariela Gutierrez, Supervising Probation Officer | Probation Department |
| 6. | Chris Haberman, Supervising Probation Officer | Probation Department |
| 7. | Melvin McKinney, Peer Support Specialist | Probation Department |
| 8. | John Hendon, Corrections Officer | Merced Sheriff's Office |
| 9. | Eric Macias, Deputy Sheriff-Sergeant | Merced Sheriff's Office |
| 10. | Humberto Sanchez, Central California Regional Manager | BI/GEO Group |
| 11. | Reno Bandoni, Supervising Case Manager | BI/GEO Group |
| 12. | Jennifer Fialho, Program Manager | BI/GEO Group |
| 13. | Joe Campbell, Area Manager | BI/GEO Group |
| 14. | Yvonnia Brown, Director | Human Services Agency |
| 15. | Jessica Lopez, Program Administrator | Human Services Agency |
| 16. | Amanda Toste, Court Executive Officer | Merced County Superior Court |
| 17. | Holly Newlon, Director of Educational Services | Merced County Office of Education |
| 18. | Toula Eccles, Career Educator | Merced County Office of Education |
| 19. | Dennis Rightnar, Service Coordinator | Merced Rescue Mission |
| 20. | Genevieve Valentine, Director | Behavioral Health & Recovery Services |
| 21. | Jeff Sabeau, Division Director | Behavioral Health & Recovery Services |
| 22. | Lindsey Johnson, Management Analyst | Merced County CEO's Office |
| 23. | Justin Melden, Commander | Los Banos Police Department |
| 24. | Dave Lockridge, Executive Director | ACE Overcomers |
| 25. | Monika Grasley, Executive Director | LifeLine CDC |
| 26. | Erick Serrato, Director | Workforce Investment |
| 27. | Reyna Espinoza, Program Manager | Workforce Investment |
| 28. | Candace Sigmond, Education Coordinator | CDFW Los Banos Wildlife Area |

Meeting commenced at 10:00 AM.

- I. **Introductions**
Chris Henn welcomed everyone followed by introductions.

- II. **Public Comment**
There was no public comment.

III. **Approval of Minutes-May 6, 2021**

Melvin McKinney motioned to approve/Holly Newlon seconded/Motion carried unanimous.

IV. **Deputy Chief Henn Updates**

Chris Henn presented updates for the last quarters data for 2020-21. The CCP Executive meeting went over the Strategies Plan for 2021-22. We have added a Probation Officer and a Sheriff Deputy to be funded by AB 109 for Pre-trial. He went over what these positions will entail. We are currently working to revamp our assessment tool. The goal is to roll this out by October 1st. BHRS will be stationed at Courtroom 11 as well, assisting released clients and getting referrals to the services available. There are a lot of changes coming up.

He explained that MCOE's additional funding was postponed for the Phoenix Project until additional data was reviewed. It will be reevaluated mid-year. We will be contracting with Symple Soul/Symple Equazion for food services and food services training. This will up to twelve (12) clients a year. This will be four hundred (400) hours of training and job skill experience per client.

He will be presenting the data for the entire year and not just the 4th quarter.

V. **Leadership for Life Update**

Data was presented. Melvin McKinney has started services in Los Banos. Melvin reported that every thing is going well both in Los Banos and Merced.

VI. **Lifeline Community Development Corporation**

Chris Henn reported we have increased their contract because we will be adding their services in Los Banos. He explained where all the services for PACT are located. Monica shared her success story about a client. She also shared a success story about the Los Banos attendees. Monica said that PACT meetings for Youth will be starting soon as she is working with Krystal Strubble. This is all in the planning stages and she will keep the team posted as progress is made along the way. There was a roundtable discussion.

VII. **Day Reporting Centers-Merced**

Chris Henn went over the data. There is no Day Reporting Center in Los Banos so the data may look skewed. Los Banos is currently using Breaking Barriers for this service. Chris explained some of the terminology used in the data collection categories. Humberto Sanchez clarified neutral discharges and how they relate to the program. Between the neutral discharges and the positive discharges, it reflects the good work they are doing for the clients. Reno Bandoni and Jennifer Fialho gave a rundown of some of the programs and events coming up in the near future. GEO is looking at revamping difference tracks to try and shorten the programs length of time. This will better serve the client's needs.

VIII. **Other Programs/Strategies**

Chris Henn went over the information for all of the following programs.

Incentives and Sanctions

- He shared all the data and referral information. He explained how the incentives and sanctions have been revamped. This allows better tracking for data driven programs.

Educational and Vocational Services: Phoenix Project

- He gave the data for the Phoenix Project. Toulou Eccles shared a success story. Anthony had perfect attendance for the program. He got a job four (4) days after graduating. Holly clarified the meaning of a "graduate". She explained the involved process and what

it takes for completion. The graduates complete every set of the process which takes about six (6) months. It is career technical education and technical training. This process causes the program to be costlier and add to the length in time frames depending on the circumstances. She gave examples of some of the things the clients need such as bus tokens, tutoring, etc. She gave examples of the different programs and various client circumstances which can affect the outcome. There was a roundtable discussion.

Transitional Housing

- Data was given for this project. We try to maintain an average of eight (8) clients in the program balancing out bed days.

ACE Overcomers

- Chris Henn presented the data.
- Dave Lockridge gave an update on his program. He looks forward to making a presentation to the Deputy Probation Officers to hopefully increase referrals. Perhaps a little refresher will encourage more interest and referrals. Chris will have Eddie Hazel reach out and set something up.

Probation K-9 Sage

- Chris Henn reported on the searches Sage conducted and gave the pertinent data from her finds. There was a lower set of numbers due to COVID. Community involvement and support is important as well and we are tracking these events for future data collection.

IX. **In-Custody Program Update**

Chris Henn went over the data for the following In-Custody programs. John Hendon updated the team on the details on these programs as well. Due to COVID and other issues, in custody programs have been tough. Eric Macias will be working with the SRT program. They are in the process of getting things back open, hopefully, by next month. They are partnering with Probation on instant referrals. They are tracking the data for recidivism. The Sheriff's Office will be able to track information through their case management program to provide client participation and offer better data.

- SRT/Day Reporting Center
- Supervised Release Team
- Pre-Trial
- Jail Re-Entry Program

X. **Adult Services**

Chris Henn reported on the quarterly data for the following:

- Bail reviews
- Pre-Trial assessments
- Offender Needs Assessment & Static Risk Assessments 2.0
- Home Visits and Office Visits
- Drug Tests and Statements of Admission
- Program referrals
- Revocations and 1170's

He reminded the team that we are looking at revamping the pre-trial assessment tool. He explained which assessments are completed and for what particular reason. He also went over home visits and office visits. Some of the COVID restrictions are being lifted so this number should increase next quarter. He recapped some of the future data changes that will be referred to for the next meeting.

XI. **ASAM Assessments at the Jail**

Chris Henn reported on the ASAM assessment data. This assessment insures we are referring the appropriate clients into the appropriate services. There will be two (2) BHRS employees at Courtroom 11 for pre-trial services and they will be assisting jail assessments when necessary.

XII. **Breaking Barriers**

Chris Henn reported on the data for Breaking Barriers. Reyna Espinoza gave an overview of the programs and services that Workforce is implementing at Breaking Barriers. BHRS has three (3) full time employees there. They go out into the field with the Probation Officers to help address any potential issues. Chris reminded the team that Breaking Barriers provides services for the clients as well as the families of the clients. Jeff Sabeau suggested breaking down the data for youth verses adults.

XIII. **Budget**

Chris Henn recapped some of the budget deadlines and issues. COVID 19 has affected some of our budgets and expenditures. Any excess funds will be rolled over to our trust.

XIV. **Next Meeting**

There was an opportunity for questions.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.

The next meeting will be scheduled. Meeting details to follow at a later date.

Minutes scribed by Maurina Erickson, Secretary III